

**Memorandum on Waiver of
Conditions on Obligation and
Expenditure of Funds for Planning,
Design, and Construction of a
Chemical Weapons Destruction
Facility in Russia for Calendar Year
2006**

December 22, 2005

Presidential Determination No. 2006-06

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Waiver of Conditions on Obligation and Expenditure of Funds for Planning, Design, and Construction of a Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility in Russia for Calendar Year 2006

Consistent with the authority vested in me by section 1303 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108-375) (the “Act”), I hereby certify that waiving the conditions described in section 1305 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65), as amended, is important to the national security interests of the United States, and include herein, for submission to the Congress, the statement, justification, and plan described in section 1303 of the Act. This waiver shall apply for calendar year 2006.

You are authorized and directed to transmit this certification, including the statement, justification, and plan, to the Congress and to arrange for the publication of this certification in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

December 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 19

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The President announced his intention to nominate James I. Finley to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sharee M. Freeman to be Director of the Community Relations Service at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen Goldsmith to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rodney R. McInnis as a member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (Department of Commerce, National Maritime Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration member).

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles S. Robb as a member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Sharee M. Freeman as Acting Director of the Community Relations Service at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of the President of Tanzania on December 21: Jendayi E. Frazer (head of delegation); Cindy Courville; and Michael L. Retzer.

December 20

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Jalal Talabani and Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jafari of Iraq to congratulate them on Iraq’s successful elections. Later, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to wish him well after he experienced a mild stroke on December 19.